

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 USBERL 00671 071502Z
ACTION SCSE-00

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 SCA-01 DHA-02 L-03 H-02 MMO-04

ABF-01 SP-02 SS-15 /043 W

-----071907Z 056763 /46

R 071436Z MAR 77

FM USMISSION USBERLIN

TO AMEMBASSY BONN

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 4171

AMCONSUL BREMEN

AMCONSUL DUSSELDORF

AMCONSUL FRANKFURT

AMCONSUL HAMBURG

AMCONSUL MUNICH

AMCONSUL STUTTGART

UNCLAS USBERLIN 0671

E O 11652: NA

TAGS: CASC

SUBJ: W/W (ARRESTS): SCHEDULE OF VISITS TO PRISONERS

REF: BONN 03826

1. WHILE CONOFFS HERE HAVE FOLLOWED WITH INTERST EMBASSY'S AND MUNICH'S ATTEMPTS TO ACHIEVE A MORE RATIONAL PRISON VISITATION SCHEDULE, WE ARE, OF COURSE, UNABLE TO PRESENT WORKLOAD ARGUMENTS SIMILAR TO THOSE SO LUCIDLY CATALOGUED BY MUNICH. SMALL NUMBER OF PRISONERS IN BERLIN, COUPLED WITH LIMITED SIZE OF CONSULAR DISTRICT, MAKE PRISON VISITS A MORE MANAGEABLE ACTIVITY HERE THAN MAY BE TRUE ELSEWHERE. WE HAVE ATTEMPTED, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, TO PERFORM MONTHLY VISITS, AND HAVE USUALLY BEEN ABLE TO DO SO. ON OCCASION THERE MAY BE SOME SLIPPAGE, AS FOR EXAMPLE AT PRESENT WHEN ONE CONSULAR OFFICER IS AWAY ON EMERGENCY LEAVE, BUT THIS REPRESENTS THE EXCEPTION RATHER THAN THE RULE.

2. WITH RESPECT TO STAFFING FACTORS CITED BY EMBASSY, WE

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 USBERL 00671 071502Z

WONDER IF CONSIDERATION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE THOUGHT OF SEVERAL OVERCOMPLEMENT REGIONAL PRISON VISITS OFFICER POSITIONS. IN A COUNTRY SUCH AS GERMANY, WITH ITS SEVERAL HUNDRED PRISONERS, IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT THE COUNTRY-WIDE WORKLOAD WOULD JUSTIFY ADDITIONAL STAFFING MUCH MORE READILY THAN WOULD THE COMPONENT PARTS OF THIS TOTAL BROKEN DOWN AMONG THE EIGHT INDIVIDUAL POSTS. SUCH OFFICERS COULD PRESUMABLY OPERATE IN A FASHION SIMILAR TO

THE CONSULAR "CIRCUIT RIDER" CONCEPT ESTABLISHED IN THE AFRICAN AREA. WE OFFER THIS AS A POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM CITED IN PARA 2 OF REFTTEL.

3. WE WOULD AT THE SAME TIME LIKE TO EXPRESS A CERTAIN SENSE OF PUSSLEMENT ABOUT THE DIALOGUE THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE ON THIS ISSUE. WE ORIGINALLY THOUGHT THAT THE "LOCAL CONDITIONS" ON WHICH REQUESTS FOR A LESS FREQUENT VISITATION SCHEDULE WERE TO BE BASED WOULD HAVE REFERRED PRECISELY TO FACTORS OF THE TYPE EMBASSY INITIALLY MENTIONED, NAMELY THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL JUDICIAL AND PENAL SYSTEM WHICH ADHERES TO "WESTERN" TRADITIONS, OPERATES UNDER THE "RULE-OF-LAW", DOES NOT ABUSE OR MISTREAT PRISONERS, ETC. DISMISSAL OF THESE FACTORS, ALONG WITH MORE PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS PUT FORTH BY MUNICH, MAKES US WONDER WHY REQUESTS FOR LESS FREQUENT VISITATION SCHEDULE WERE SOLICITED IN THE FIRST PLACE. GEORGE

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 07-Mar-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977USBERL00671
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770078-0189
Format: TEL
From: USBERLIN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770384/aaaacwqf.tel
Line Count: 77
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 893f81bc-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION SCSE
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 BONN 3826
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 03-Nov-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3183181
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: W/W (ARRESTS): SCHEDULE OF VISITS TO PRISONERS
TAGS: CASC, US
To: SCS BONN
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/893f81bc-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009